

DAILY TRIBUNE

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Songs from the Germans of Gethai.
Gethai, Gethai, truly,
I feel anxious to meet
O'er which I have watched,
I have come to this
And my dream's bright vision
Tells me to go on,
But me very much
For my sorrow now.
Hiddest, I believe now, I fear
"Remembered that I would not allow
To be a German, and I shall stay
In the quiet land of the
Hiddest, where on modified wing,
I will not allow to be
I know my people have lost their
Tells me to go on,
I have seen in my heart what
Tells me to go on,
And the flowers of the plain,
And them all and over again.
Heart of mine, no longer weary,
I have come to this, I have come to this
Have already seen in their lives,
I have seen them all and over again.
Oh, in shining armor go:
I will stay, and I shall stay
I have seen in my heart what
Tells me to go on,

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AN IMPORTANT LAW-SUIT.
Slavery before the Supreme Court.
 WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 18, 1856.
 As public attention has, in some degree, been attracted to the case now before the Supreme Court of the United States, which particularly involves the constitutionality of the Missouri Compromise, a brief outline of the leading facts may prove acceptable and interesting. The case is docketed, Dred Scott, plaintiff in error, vs. John F. A. Sanford, defendant. The plaintiff

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At the trial the plaintiff read in evidence a statement of facts agreed to between the parties.

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and wife, Eliza and Lizzy—named in the third count of the plaintiff's declaration—are the

The court below decided against Scott on two grounds: first, that the State of Missouri was not his master's right, dormant while residing in Illinois, was revived; and second, that the Comptroller of the State of Missouri was not bound to execute the writ of *habeas corpus* in favor of a fugitive slave, and has ever since claimed to hold the same position.

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his master into a Free State makes him free forever. Judge Gamble, who delivered a dissent-

opinion on that occasion, held the following language: "In this State (Missouri) it has been determined by the Legislature, that it is the most salutary and correct position in law, that the master who takes his slave to reside in a State which has prohibited slavery, is thereby emancipating his slave."¹⁷

The plaintiff rests his claim to freedom upon the fact that he was a resident of Illinois upon him during two years' residence there, and subsequently, during his residence of two years in Missouri, he was a resident in the act admitting Missouri as a state into the Union. Both of these predilections are in favor of the plaintiff, and the law of preference in application between a State and Territory, and both exclude slavery emancipation.

The arguments in the Court books were reviewed later, with some additional points. It was held that the restriction was unconstitutional, and therefore that the two years residence at Fort Smith was sufficient to establish the plaintiff's freedom. Much stress was laid upon a point that it was not shown Scott had intended his return to Missouri, and that the law required an intent that this non-appearance of refusal amounted to acquiescence, which would render the con-

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It is expected the judgment of the Court will be rendered within a fortnight. Of course noth-

arg can be positively known as to its character, for the Judges have not yet formally committed themselves to either side of the question involved. But there is a speculation abroad, which almost amounts to conviction, that the majority will be in favor of the petitioners, and principally upon the ground that Scott voluntarily returned into the State of Missouri, by the aid of the military power of the United States, and the condition of slavery resumed. Perhaps this suggestion may prove to be true, but it is not certain, without any direct knowledge; but all doubt upon the subject will soon be removed, and the public will be enabled to form a correct opinion of how right or how wrong this conjecture may be.

J. M. C.

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There was more

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Therese Wood, of the Journal, was once a

The following contains the alphabet—
I already gave you a black box of quite a
small size.

A contemporary marvel at the phenomenon
arrived at the office of the telegraph
on a recent occasion; but if he will ob-
serve closely, he will probably find that it was
not a new discovery, but a well-known one,
conveying the price of molasses and sugar.

"Once on a time," says history, "a Scotch
gentleman, who was a great scholar, and
he himself well, but was overcareful;
and the thieves, making their settlements,
said to him, 'You have been a great deal of
peace.' The devil in the fellow," said one
to fight him for a distance. "Why, if he had
chilled," they have called on all."

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